GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:399
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2000
FUNDS TO CONSUMER COURTS
MANSINH PATEL

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have earmarked any funds for setting up of Consumer Courts in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; (

(c) whether several States have either diverted the allotted funds for other purposes or have not utilised the funds fully; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 399 FOR 15.12.2000

(a) to (d): Under the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forums are to beestablished by the State Governments. The proper functioning of these agencies is, therefore, the responsibility of the State Governments. However, to supplement the efforts of the State Governments/UT Administrations, the Central Government provided One-Time Grant of Rs. 61.80 crores to strengthen the infrastructure of the consumer disputes redressal agencies. Some of the States/UTs have fully utilized the grant for the purpose for which it has been given. The utilization of the fund by other States/UTs is still in progress. The States/UTs have been advised to utilize the funds strictly for the purpose for which it has been provided.